



## Worker Health Assessment Policy 14.0 APPENDIX B Occupational Health and Wellness (OHW) IMMUNIZATION HELP GUIDE

### **WELCOME!**

**Suggestions to help workers meet Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) immunization requirements are provided below. According to the Ontario Hospital Association, workers include those who carry on activities within RVH.**

In order to limit the risk of exposure and transmission of communicable diseases to workers and patients and to support a healthy and safe work environment, RVH requires all workers to provide their current immunization records to Occupational Health and Wellness (OHW). This requirement is stipulated in RVH policy and mandated in legislation pertaining to hospitals across Ontario. The suggestions below may help you to obtain information and complete your immunization record form.

### **Your past immunization records can be accessed via one or more of the following:**

- Contact your current or past employer and request a copy of your record from their Occupational Health Department.
- Contact the school where you received your healthcare training and request a copy of your immunization record from their Student Health Services.
- Contact facilities where you performed volunteer work and request copies of your record.
- Contact the Public Health Department in the school district that you attended to ask for a copy of your vaccination record.
- Obtain your childhood record (often a yellow card or form) from your family physician or parents. Other healthcare professionals you have received care from may also have pertinent documentation of immunity such as obstetricians, midwives or other physicians.

### **To update your vaccinations and get blood work done:**

- Visit your family doctor or local walk-in clinic with your RVH OHW Immunization Record/Respirator Fit form to be completed.
  - A current list of walk-in medical clinics near RVH is available from OHW (705-728-9090 ext. 42350).
- Tuberculin testing must be completed within the last 12 months. (see Appendix A )
- Blood tests are required if you are unable to confirm vaccination dates. Note that it may take two to four weeks to obtain results. You may need to discuss revaccination as an option with your physician.

### **Please Note:**

'Worker' applies to all employees of Royal Victoria Health Centre (RVH) as well as professional staff with privileges (i.e., medical, dental, midwifery, and extended class nursing staff), volunteers, students and contractors. These individuals shall be referred to collectively as Workers whether working on RVH property or working on behalf of or representing RVH elsewhere. Where Workers are represented by a Bargaining Unit, please reference the respective collective agreement in addition to instructions.

Workers new to Ontario or new to Canada are required to bring all original records/copies of original records for TB testing, vaccines and blood tests to the OHW office for interpretation/validation.